<u>Amendments to the Abstract:</u>

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The present invention maps a~~<u>A</u>n arbitrary number of a plurality of physical devices <u>are mapped</u> to each logical device provided for a host as a working unit, <u>while</u> considering a priority given to each logical device, <u>and with</u> each physical device being made up of a plurality of disk devices. This arrangement allows dirty data to be quickly saved to the disk devices in the order of logical device priority in the event of a failure. Furthermore, ~~the present invention preferentially processes a~~ job~~(s)~~ <u>are preferentially processed</u> for ~~an~~ important task~~(s)~~ in the event of a failure to reduce deterioration of the host processing performance.